

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An ink jet recording element comprising an opaque support having thereon an image-receiving layer comprising porous polymeric particles in a polymeric binder, said polymeric binder comprising poly(vinyl alcohol) having a degree of hydrolysis of at least 98% and having a number average molecular weight of ~~60,000 to 100,000~~ 65,000 to 105,000.

2. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles have a median diameter of less than about 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles have a median diameter of less than about 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles are crosslinked and have a degree of crosslinking of about 27 mole % or greater.

5. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles are made from a styrenic or an acrylic monomer.

6. (Original) The element of Claim 5 wherein said acrylic monomer comprises methyl methacrylate or ethylene glycol dimethacrylate.

7. Canceled.

8. (Currently amended) The element of Claim 1 wherein said opaque support is paper or a voided plastic material.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles have a surface area of at least 35 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

11. (Previously Presented) The element of Claim 1 wherein said porous polymeric particles have a surface area of at least 100 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

12. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said image-receiving layer contains from about 0.20 to about 10.0 g/m<sup>2</sup> of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder and from about 1.5 to about 60 g/m<sup>2</sup> of said porous polymeric particles.

13. (Original) The element of Claim 1 wherein said image-receiving layer contains from about 0.40 to about 5.0 g/m<sup>2</sup> of said poly(vinyl alcohol) binder and from about 3.0 to about 30 g/m<sup>2</sup> of said porous polymeric particles.

14. (Currently Amended) The element of Claim 1 wherein said poly(vinyl alcohol) has a number average molecular weight from about 70,000 to about ~~105,000~~100,000.

15. (New) An ink jet recording element comprising a support having thereon an image-receiving layer comprising porous polymeric particles in a polymeric binder, said polymeric binder comprising poly(vinyl alcohol) having a degree of hydrolysis of at least 98% and having a number average molecular weight of 70,000 to 105,000.